

**REMARKS**

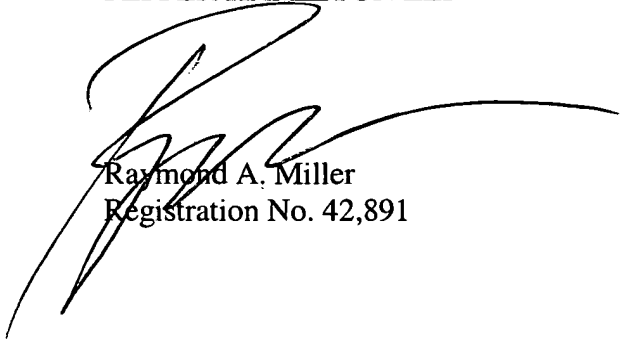
This application is being filed on December 10, 2003. It is respectfully requested that this preliminary amendment be entered before examination of this application. These amendments do not add new matter.

By the above amendments, the specification and claims have been revised to correct add the claim of priority to the co-pending U.S. Application No. 09/879,755 filed June 12, 2001, and to correct a typographical error whereby a proviso in formula (I) initially excluded "C<sub>16</sub> alkyl" instead of "C<sub>15</sub> alkyl" from the definition of R<sup>3</sup> when X is O.

**AUTHORIZATION**

The changes above are made to improve the form of the application. No new matter has been added and entry is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to deposit account no. 50-0436.

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